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## BRITISH HONDURAS.

*Report from Belize—Fruit port.*

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, July 28, 1901

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended July 27, 1901:

Population, according to census of —, —; present officially estimated population, 9,114. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 1. Prevailing diseases, malarial in character. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: July 26, steamship *Anselm*; crew, 44; passengers from this port, 7; passengers in transit, 9; pieces of baggage disinfected, 19. July 27, steamship *Sunniva*; crew, 14; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

J. GREY THOMAS,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

## CANADA.

*Inspection of immigrants at Quebec during the week ended August 3, 1901.*

QUEBEC, CANADA, August 3, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended August 3, there were inspected 288 immigrants; passed, 284; detained, 4; cause of detention, trachoma, 4.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

## CHINA.

*Report from Hongkong—Plague abating.*

HONGKONG, CHINA, July 2, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of inspection work at this station for the week ended June 29, 1901:

Bills of health were issued to 13 steamers during the week, and of this number 12 were inspected. Eight hundred and thirty-two individuals were bathed, 1,057 bundles of clothing and bedding and 400 pounds of human hair were disinfected during the week. Thirty-five individuals were rejected during the week because of fever. The plague situation has shown great improvement during the week, 62 cases and 61 deaths having been reported. The decline in the number of cases was very abrupt, falling from 15 or 20 cases daily to 1, and not more than 8 cases have been reported any day since. The total cases and

deaths reported thus far this year are, therefore, 1,485 and 1,415, respectively. Three cases of enteric fever with 2 deaths, and 2 cases of puerperal fever with 1 death, were also reported during the week. No cases of smallpox have been reported during the past two weeks.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

COLOMBIA.

*Report from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.*

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *July 31, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended July 30, 1901:

Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none. Prevailing disease, malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, fairly good. No new cases of yellow fever, but an increase of malarial fever.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: July 24, steamship *Foxhall*; crew, 26; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none; steamship *Simon Dumois*; crew, 16; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. July 27, steamship *Harald*; crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Another case (fatal) of yellow fever at Bocas del Toro.*

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *August 2, 1901.*

SIR: I have to report the existence of another case of yellow fever at this port, this being the seventh case so far as known during this season.

This case was reported to me by Dr. Cantillo, the medico official at this port. Dr. Cantillo says that he was called to see the case at Bogues Mouth, noted on the hydrographic chart of this port as Boca del Drago, and is the settlement at the north end of Columbus Island. This is the same settlement from which the case Julian Muir came from; his case was reported by me under date of July 20, 1901.

Within the last two days I have been called to see 3 to 4 cases of fever in some Chinamen; they have been sick about a week and at this time it is impossible to make a complete diagnosis of yellow fever. At the same time I am strongly of the opinion that they are recovering from attacks of that disease.

I believe the infection to be general. Where cases have been known to exist, measures have been taken to thoroughly disinfect and fumigate.